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1. A tank unit has been stationed in the town of Tabor since 1951. This unit replaced an artillery unit formerly stationed there. The bulk of the tank unit was billeted in the artillery casernes [Encl. B, Point #1]; the remainder, about 200 EM, were billeted in the former tobacco factory [Encl. B, Point #9]. Many officers, especially of company grade, could be observed in the town. It was rumored that there was an officers' school in the town. The tank unit was undergoing extensive training throughout the spring and summer of 1952. Columns of tanks could be observed daily leaving the casernes in a southern or western direction and returning to the casernes. In mid-July 1952 exercises were held, usually at night. The tank training area was located between the road from Klokoty [050/M21] through Zahradka [050/L91] to Drazice [050/L91] and the Luznice River. The road was the north boundary of the area and the river the south boundary. Small unidentified military units were stationed at Misteckice, [Encl. C] [050/L92] and Broby [050/M17].
2. The area south of Drhovice [050/L91] has been off limits for civilians, and unidentified construction work has been in progress since 1949. The whole area [Encl. A, Point #4] measures about 20 sq. km. and is fenced by barbed wire. 25X1 [] a watch tower [Encl. A, Point #9] dominating the approaches to the area one kilometer southwest of Klokoty; it was at all times occupied by military lookouts. 25X1 [] army trucks transporting building and fitting materials from the Czechoslovak Construction Enterprises (Ceskoslovenske stavebni zavody - CSSZ) to the construction site. There were rumors among the local population to the effect that a large underground plant was being built in this area. [Encl. A, Point #4]. The Balkova Lhota RR station [050/L91; Encl. A, Point #5] was being enlarged and a branch line [Encl. A, Point #5] leading into the prohibited area was under construction.

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3. One and one-half kilometers southeast of Tabor there was an airfield /Encl. B, Point #237 which has been used for civilian gliding training. Ten gliders and three small towing planes were stationed at the grass-covered airfield, which was taken over by the Air Force in the Spring of 1952. There were two hangars, one of brick construction, 20 x 60 m. in size, and a wooden one, 10 x 30 m. in size, in front of which a small concrete apron was located. The airport had the shape of an irregular hexagon of approximately one kilometer in diameter. In the Spring of 1952 a small Air Force detachment came to Tabor for about two weeks to examine the possibility of enlarging the airport. After their departure, rumors arose to the effect that either the present airfield would be enlarged or a new larger one constructed somewhere west of Tabor.

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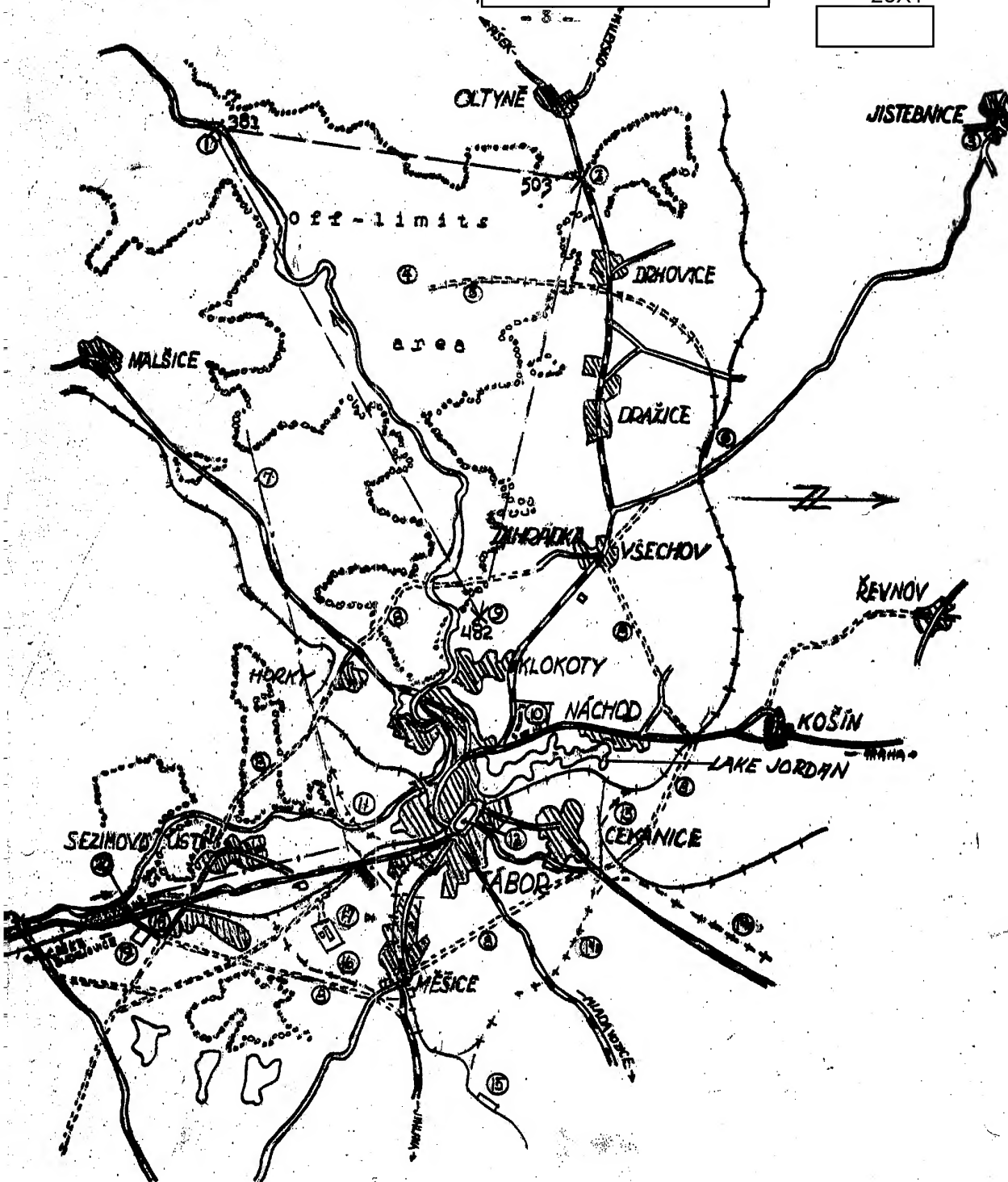
- A. Locations in the Vicinity of Tabor
- B. Locations at Tabor
- C. Location of Military Unit at Jistebnice (Tabor Area)

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Locations in the Vicinity of Tabor
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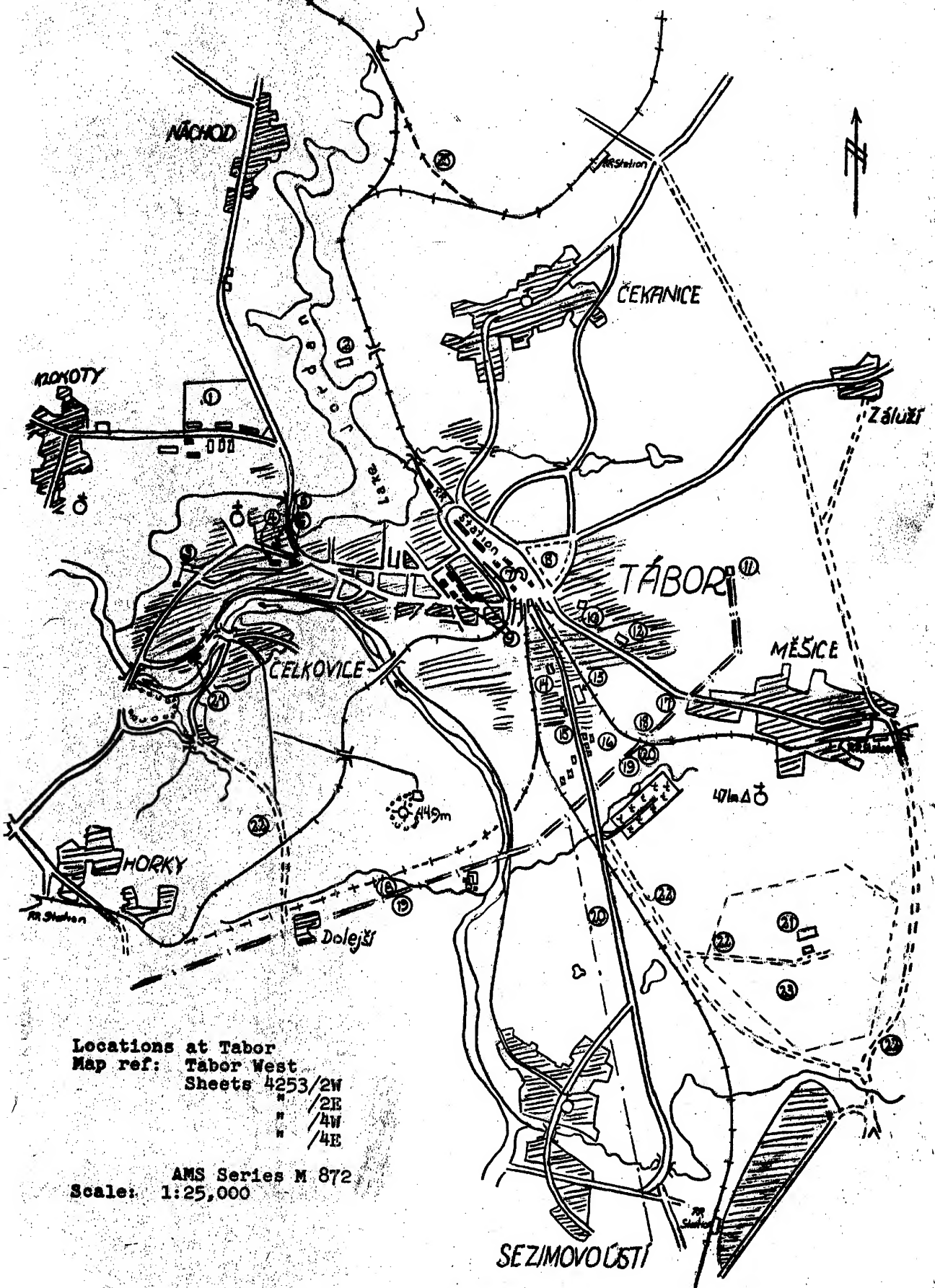
1. Southernmost point of off-limits area
2. Northernmost point of off-limits area
3. Military barracks at Jistebnice
4. Approximate location of secret underground construction
5. RR branch line under construction (allegedly underground)
6. RR station Balkova Lhota
7. High tension line
8. Projected roads to by-pass Tabor
9. Military watch tower
10. Military barracks
11. Projected RR line
12. Tabor RR Station
13. RR connection (under construction)
14. Projected RR line
15. RR construction site
16. Projected RR line
17. Airport
18. Kovošvit Plant
19. Silon pilot plant
20. Former highway

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ANNEX B



Locations at Tabor
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1. Military barracks (tank unit)
2. Municipal water works
3. District Military Hqs
4. District National Committee
5. Military social center known as "Strelnice"
6. Communist Party Hqs
7. Roundhouse
8. Projected bus station
9. Military barracks (former tobacco factory)
10. Paper goods factory
11. Transformer station
12. CSAD bus depot
13. Meat packing plant
14. Dairy
15. Spark plug factory
16. Keg factory
17. Fire station
- 18-20. High tension lines
21. Hangars
22. Projected road
23. Airfield
24. New hospital
25. RR extension under construction

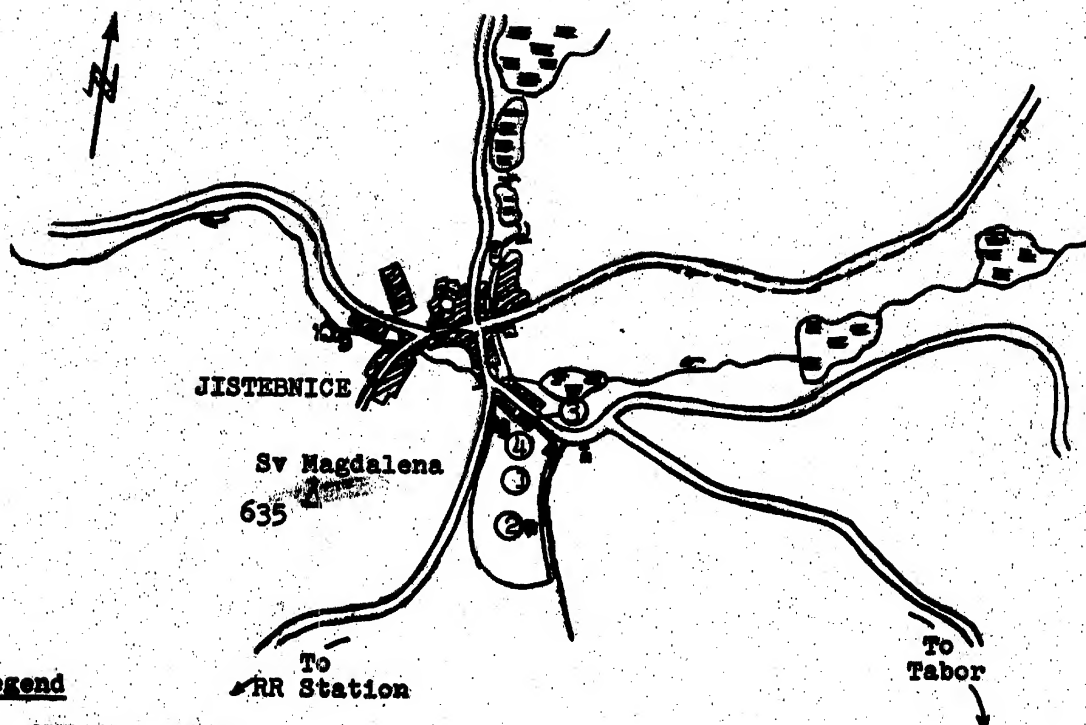
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1. Military area
2. Castle
3. Entrance
4. Buildings used as billets

Location of Military Unit at Jistebnice (Tabor Area)
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